

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR SCs/STs AND OTHER FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any specific scheme for SCs/STs and other farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds made available for the implementation of the scheme for the last five years alongwith year-wise and scheme-wise details of the beneficiaries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) is not implementing any special scheme for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe farmers in the country. The DAC is primarily responsible for increasing production and productivity of agricultural output through implementation of various agriculture development schemes. The schemes are production oriented and area specific in nature which benefit farmers of all categories including farmers of SC/ST communities. In view of the above, there is little scope for formulating schemes/programmes particularly focussed on specific communities. However, wherever possible, the State Governments/Implementing Agencies are advised in the Administrative Approvals of Schemes/Programmes to provide allocation/funds for Special Component Plan (SCP) for Scheduled Castes and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) for Scheduled Tribes as per the Government Guidelines on the subject.